

Remarks

This corrected Preliminary Amendment is substantively identical to the Preliminary Amendment previously filed by Applicants on August 11, 2004, and the Remarks provided therewith are applicable, but not reproduced herein. Per instructions from the Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE), further to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 25, 2004, the amendment has been corrected by adding a notation of cancellation of claims 56-65.

Although claims 55-65 were never actually included in the original application or the first Preliminary Amendment (there was simply a misnumbering error), this strategy for correction was requested by the LIE who signed the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, via telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned representative on September 1, 2004 (Examiner Telephone No. 571-272-0561).

The Office is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions regarding the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,



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